



Barbette Lowndes, Captain, U.S. Navy

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Captain Barbette Lowndes reported to SPAWAR in August 2004, where she is assigned to the Contracts Directorate.

Prior to reporting to SPAWAR, Lowndes served as the Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency, Boston in Boston, Mass., since November 2001. She was responsible for leading the efforts of five military and 350 civilian personnel in all aspects of contract management for defense contractors in Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and eastern Massachusetts.

Lowndes has held staff positions in acquisition and finance. Her sea duty assignments include service aboard USS Cape Cod (AD-43) as Assistant Supply Officer and then Supply Officer from May 1993 to October 1995, and service aboard USS McKee (AS-41) as Food Service Officer and Submarine Repair Supply Support Officer from July 1986 to March 1989. Ashore, Lowndes served as the Special Assistant to the Director for Contracts at SPAWAR from October 1998 to October 2001; the Budget Officer for Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii from October 1995 to October 1998; the Customer Service Officer for Naval Publications and Forms Center, Philadelphia, Penn., from April 1989 to March 1992; the Resident Officer in Charge and as a Production Specialist at Defense Contract Administration Services Management Area, New York, N.Y., from February 1983 to June 1986; and as the Disbursing Officer for Personal Support Detachment, Bermuda from January 1981 to January 1983.

After graduation from high school in San Diego, Calif., in 1976, Lowndes attended the U.S. Naval Academy from July 1976 to May 1980. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Business Management from Webster University, 1983, and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, 1993. She is a graduate of the Senior Executive Institute at the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, 2003.

Lowndes' personal awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars, and various unit citations.

She is designated a Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer. She has been certified as a contracting specialist and is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community. She is also qualified as a Joint Specialty Officer.